

In addition, the present invention allows the user to retrieve, select, personalize and print postage indicia.

Please amend paragraph 82 appearing on page 15 of the specification as follows:

A preferred embodiment of the above described TMU button is disclosed in the co-pending commonly assigned, U. S. application, now patent number 6,199,055, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING FAULT TOLERANT TRANSACTIONS OVER AN UNSECURED COMMUNICATION CHANNEL," previously incorporated herein by reference. This preferred embodiment includes a TMU button having a processor operating under control of a limited purpose operating code providing secure data storage and interaction.

Please amend paragraph 102 appearing on page 20 of the specification as follows:

Alternatively, a pair of systems 10 may be linked together through public switched network ("PSN") 102, or other communication gateway such as the Internet or other computer network, via modem 101 or directly through digital telecommunications trunks or other communications links (not shown). Processor based systems 10 located at different U.S. Post Offices may be linked via PSN 102 in a conventional well known manner (such as through modem 101) so that information may be shared between the various Post Offices. Generally, a copy of the POSTAGEMAKER program will be stored within at least one processor-based system at selected U.S. Post Office locations. PSN linkage of processor-based systems 10 by the Post Office and the user will allow the sharing of information between the various Post Offices and will allow a user to call a number (an authorized Post Office number) and have the Post Office transfer the required amount of postage to a postage storage device 18 installed at a user site by modem. A preferred embodiment of a system and method for conducting transactions, such as that described above, is disclosed in co-pending commonly assigned U.S. application, now patent number 6,199,055, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING FAULT TOLERANT TRANSACTIONS OVER AN UNSECURED COMMUNICATION CHANNEL," previously incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend paragraph 140 appearing on page 29 of the specification as follows:

A preferred method for conducting the above described transactions with the button is described in co-pending commonly assigned U.S. application, now patent number 6,199,055, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING FAULT TOLERANT TRANSACTIONS OVER AN UNSECURED COMMUNICATION CHANNEL," previously incorporated herein by reference.